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EHR Incentive Programs

2014 CEHRT Rule:

Quick Guide



On August 29, 2014 CMS and ONC released a [final rule](#) that allows providers participating in the EHR Incentive Programs to use the 2011 Edition of certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT) for calendar and fiscal year 2014.

The rule grants flexibility to providers who are unable to fully implement 2014 Edition CEHRT for an EHR reporting period in 2014 due to delays in 2014 CEHRT availability. Providers may now use EHRs that have been certified under the 2011 Edition, a combination of the 2011 and 2014 Editions, or the 2014 Edition for 2014 participation.

Beginning in 2015, all eligible providers **will be required** to report using 2014 Edition CEHRT.

2014 Participation Options

Under the rule, you may use 2011 Edition CEHRT, and you have the option to attest to the 2013 Stage 1 objectives and the 2013 definition CQMs.

Below are the participation options for 2014 based on the Edition of EHR certification you are currently using:

2011 CEHRT

If you are scheduled to report Stage 1 or Stage 2:

- [2013 Stage 1 objectives](#) and [2013 CQMs](#)

Combination of 2011 & 2014 CEHRT

If you are scheduled to report Stage 1:

- [2013 Stage 1 objectives](#) and [2013 CQMs](#); **or**
- [2014 Stage 1 objectives](#) and [2014 CQMs](#)

If you are scheduled to report Stage 2:

- 2013 Stage 1 objectives and 2013 CQMs; **or**
- 2014 Stage 1 objectives and 2014 CQMs; **or**
- [Stage 2 objectives](#) and [2014 CQMs](#)

2014 CEHRT

If you are scheduled to report Stage 1:

- [2014 Stage 1 objectives](#) and [2014 CQMs](#)

If you are scheduled to report Stage 2:

- [Stage 2 objectives](#) and [2014 CQMs](#); **or**
- 2014 Stage 1 objectives and 2014 CQMs

CEHRT Flexibility Resources

To help you understand the final rule's changes to 2014 participation, CMS has developed the following resources:

- [CEHRT Interactive Decision Tool](#) – providers answer a few questions about your current stage of meaningful use and Edition of EHR certification, and the tool displays the corresponding 2014 options.
- [2014 CEHRT Flexibility Chart](#) – chart provides a visual overview of CEHRT participation options for 2014.

CMS Resources for Meaningful Use

Once you have determined your participation options, review the following resources:

2013 Stage 1

- [An Introduction to the Medicare EHR Incentive Program for Eligible Professionals](#) and [An Introduction to the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program for Eligible Professionals](#)— Walks EPs through all of the phases of the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs, focusing on 2013 Stage 1 meaningful use requirements.
- **2013 Stage 1 Specification Sheets for [Eligible Professionals](#) and [Eligible Hospitals](#)** — Includes the objective, measure, and exclusion for each 2013 Stage 1 core and menu objective, as well as a definition of terms, attestation requirements, additional information, and the corresponding standards and certification criteria.
- **2013 Stage 1 Attestation Worksheet for [Eligible Professionals](#) and [Eligible Hospitals](#)** — Helps providers organize their numerator, denominator, and exclusion information in one convenient place so that attestation is an easy process.

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Stage 2

- [Stage 2 Guide for Eligible Professionals](#) — Walks EPs through Stage 2 meaningful use requirements.
- **Stage 2 Meaningful Use Specification Sheets for [Eligible Professionals](#) and [Eligible Hospitals](#)** — Includes the objective, measure, and exclusion for each Stage 2 core and menu objective, as well as a definition of terms, attestation requirements, additional information, and the corresponding standards and certification criteria.
- **Stage 2 Attestation Worksheet for [Eligible Professionals](#) and [Eligible Hospitals](#)** — Helps providers organize their numerator, denominator, and exclusion information in one convenient place so that Stage 2 attestation is an easy process.